

HONORING MR. SOHUM PAWAR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an essential member of our team that worked to evacuate vulnerable Afghans during the fall of Kabul, Mr. Sohumi Pawar.

Originally from East Hanover, New Jersey, for many years, Mr. Pawar has worn many hats—scientist, engineer, and policy researcher. Since graduating with honors from little-known schools such as Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he's worked on cybersecurity, climate, and energy policy at the White House, assisted negotiators at the U.S. Department of State working on UN climate talks, and written speeches for the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Beyond public service, he's also worked as a cyber threat intelligence analyst, assessed clean energy startups for a climate-focused venture capital fund, and developed policy and strategy for an advanced nuclear reactor startup. He also has experience in journalism, conducting research for David Sanger, the prominent national journalist for the New York Times and his bestselling book chronicling the rise of cyber warfare.

The knowledge and experience Mr. Pawar acquired in all of these ventures were heavily relied upon when he joined our cobbled-together effort working to evacuate vulnerable Afghans from Kabul. For several sleepless nights, he was part of our tiger team—responsible for gathering the required information for the group of Afghans, verifying the authenticity of documents, and supporting evacuees with letters of support of our own.

Our mission depended on a broad cross-section of skills and traits, from perseverance to grit. Very few people could have handled the flood of information that our office received during those frantic days, and even fewer as quickly and efficiently as Sohumi did. We needed Pawar power to succeed, and it is thanks to him that we did.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Sohumi Pawar for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in our effort to evacuate Afghan allies from Kabul. For his meticulous record keeping, for his flexibility and perseverance, and for his dogged pursuit of any lead that would benefit the mission, I submit these words—may they stand as a tribute to his dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

RECOGNIZING THE MADISON CENTRAL JAGUARS AS MHSAA 6A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Madison Central Jaguars and Coach Toby Collums on their MHSAA 6A State Championship victory. In his first year, Coach Collums led the Jaguars to a 13–1 season and finished the season with a victory at

the state championship. I commend Coach Collums for his explosive start at the helm of the Jaguars football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Madison Central Jaguars. They earned this victory.

RECOGNIZING KERRY BLACK ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kerry Black of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of her retirement. Mrs. Black's career has touched the lives of many individuals in South Florida and throughout the world. She specializes in improving organizational culture and establishing healthy, thriving companies.

In August of 1991, Mrs. Black and her husband, Russell Black, founded Latin Impact Ministries in order to develop a network of national church leaders. Latin Impact Ministries has reached over tens of thousands of Latinos and has developed hundreds of individuals and teams focusing on serving their communities. Today, Latin Impact Ministries has extended outreach to build schools, provide members of the community with access to a higher education, and promotes the collaboration of strong leaders in the city to improve local and regional unity.

Not only did Mrs. Black serve the underprivileged, she empowered the South Dade entrepreneurial community by serving as the CEO of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce from October 2017 to May 2021. The South Dade Chamber of Commerce is the second oldest standing chamber in Miami Dade County and is a critical resource for many of the community's entrepreneurs. Under her leadership, she reinvigorated the chamber by creating a new mission statement and following through on that promise. Because of her leadership, the chamber experienced one of their best renewal seasons, leading to a restored reputation throughout the community. She increased community visibility by participating in weekly podcasts hosted by Miami Community News. Throughout the pandemic, Mrs. Black ensured business leaders were still connected to the chamber and provided them with resources and guidance.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Kerry Black's retirement. As she celebrates an extensive career of service, I am grateful for all the work she has done to serve the needs of South Florida businesses, entrepreneurs, and members of our community.

HONORING MATTHEW NICHOLAS SUTHERLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Nicholas Sutherland. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has earned his Bronze Palm and Gold Palm Awards, served in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has camped a total of 82 nights. Matthew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matthew created an exhibit for the Clay County Historical Museum which took 144 hours of service to complete.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Nicholas Sutherland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELDER LOVELL JEROME JENKINS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of my cousin, Elder Lovell Jerome Jenkins, an eminent pastor and educator who passed away on December 1, 2021, at 66 years old.

Elder Lovell Jenkins was born first of four children on December 23, 1954, in Hope Hull, Alabama; to Dorothy Gardner Jenkins and the late Reverend Leroy Jenkins. After graduating with honors from Calhoun High School in 1971, Lovell received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Alabama State University.

Accepting Christ into his life at a young age under the pastorate of his grandfather, the late Elder Tom Gardner, Jr., Lovell was a faithful member of Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Hope Hull, Alabama. At Beulah, Lovell sang in the adult and male choruses until he received the divine call of God to preach the gospel.

Lovell began his career in education serving as a math teacher and coach at Jefferson